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DEATHS.

On November 2nd, at Lowell, Mass. U.S.A., in her 25th year, Mrs. SARAH H. DANFORTH, mother of A. W. Danforth, of Shanghai.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 24TH, 1907.

In his new book, "American Banking," Mr. EMIL S. FISCHER makes reference to "the financial disasters in the United States of America at the end of 1907." The articles are reprinted from the *Peking and Tientsin Times*. Mr. FISCHER, who has been actively engaged with Financial Associations in South America, Shanghai, and New York since 1900, and is now doing business under his own name in North China, is from his wide experience admirably equipped to give an intelligent account of the causes which have led up to the recent financial crisis in New York. It is, of course, in a pamphlet extending over only 17 pages impossible to give more than the merest sketch of the financial conditions prevailing at New York, but considering the small space at his disposal he has given an admirable summary. The causes were not altogether local,

but were the outcome of conflicting laws, as well as the sequel of a long period during which the fundamental principles of national finance were but indifferently comprehended in the States.

National finance as a science is a plant of but slow growth, and it reflects no discredit on the States that the principles of the Higher Finance can hardly be said to have taken root in America prior to the conclusion of the great Civil War half a century ago. It is therefore a subject of little wonder that some of the old prejudices should still remain in a semi-dormant condition. Conformably with the original conception of the United States as a group of separate and independent republics with little more bond of connection than was actually necessary for mutual protection against outside attack, each State was left free to form its own internal administration, and make its own laws; and the thought of a federal bank for the control of the financial affairs of the Union generally never entered the thoughts, even, of the earlier administrators. It was not, indeed, till the Civil War forced on the country generally the necessity of establishing some system of financial control extending over the entire Union, that any such want was experienced. This was sufficiently for the needs of the period, accomplished by strengthening the hands, and increasing the responsibilities of the Secretary to the Treasury. The close of the war found the country flooded with paper money, which had been issued in practically unlimited amounts towards the end, and this had rapidly deteriorated in value, and was becoming a menace to the well being of the entire Union. To effect a return to cash payments, without further rising suspicions on the part of the State Governments was the difficult problem that faced the Secretary to the Treasury. To suggest a State Bank on the model of the Bank of England or Banque de France was in the condition of public feeling not to be thought of, and such was the jealousy of the State administrations that no project to render State Banks amenable to Federal control from Washington could hope to pass Congress. Still all felt that something must be done, and the conclusion arrived at was to authorise the establishment in the States of banks to be known as National Banks alongside the State Banks,—that is the banks chartered by the various States within their own territory, and subject only to State laws and State control. These National Banks, on the contrary, were to be independent of the State laws and control, were to be chartered from Washington direct, and to be under the immediate inspection of officers appointed by the Treasury, who were given full powers of inspection at any time, and very efficient control which they were bound to put in practice. In return for this the National Banks were authorised to issue notes, which were to be legal tender, but against which they had always to keep a corresponding amount of Government securities, or actual coin. The Bankers generally complained that these rules were too stringent, and would defeat their own purpose: Government, however, persevered, and several of these banks came into existence, and have continued to the present day.

Alongside these are the ordinary State Banks, subject to the laws of the particular State. For the most part the State laws provide for periodical inspections, but these are by no means of the exhaustive description required by Washington. Regarding these Mr. FISCHER tells us:—"Trust Companies possess charters from State Governments which give them by far a larger latitude and freedom of activity. They generally have very powerful financial interests as their backing. It is by asking State Governments for charters that the powerful political backing plays its rôle. The first trust company in New York was chartered by special act of the Legislature in 1822, and all trust companies up to 1872 were under special law. It depends upon the State politicians to get privileges which place these trust companies in the position of doing business mounting to figures of great magnitude; and as a natural consequence of recent years their numbers have enormously increased. It is quite natural in these disastrous days of collapse that one or other of these could not hold itself. They had not enough cash reserve in their vaults, and were unable to get cash, even at the call rate from day to day of 100 per cent per annum, and found themselves compelled to close their doors so as to save the holdings of the bank from greater loss."

The State Legislatures unskilled in the science of finance had in fact been granting charters, mainly from political influences, which while professing to safeguard depositors and others, permitted things to be done contrary to sound finance, and inconsistent with themselves. He cites as an

example the Knickerbocker Trust Company of New York, whose collapse was the immediate cause of the disastrous panic that for three weeks ruled New York. Under its charter the institution was legal depository for State, City, and Court funds; it could hold on trust any real or personal estate, act as executor of deceased estates, trustee, guardian, or as assignee of bankrupt estates, and could undertake the management and control of minors, lunatics and idiots. All these were perfectly legitimate functions, and had the charter strictly limited the disposal of the funds in the hands of the Trust to kindred purposes, the institution would undoubtedly have proved a public benefit. Unfortunately the State Legislature had not the requisite financial knowledge, and placed so restrictions on the kind of securities in which the Trust was permitted to deal. The board of Directors contained names that might have been looked upon as unimpeachable, did there exist a definite rule limiting the investments to real estate or corresponding securities. Unfortunately many of the most influential of the directors were men belonging to the great trusts who have been accustomed, owing to their personal influence, to override the State legislators, and associated with these were a set of executive officers—smart men, as men are considered on the New York Stock Exchange. The result was that the Knickerbocker Trust in addition to its primary business of trusteeship, commenced to run in wild competition with the Banks. Now two more inconsistent businesses could not exist. As a matter of necessity the securities of a trust association are immovable, and only realisable by deliberation and on an unexcited market. On the other hand the necessary condition of existence of a bank is that its securities shall be at all times liquid, and never liable to become rigid or sluggish. On this account the institution was not recognised by the New York Clearing House, a voluntary association of the leading banks, including the National Banks. For the purpose of being admitted each bank has to hold at least 25 per cent of its indebtedness to depositors in cash, and so undergo an audit every week when its financial condition is published. Naturally to a trust institution such as the Knickerbocker institution was fundamentally there could be no possibility of its doing this. But this very fact gave it an unfair advantage over the real banks, in aiding concerns that did not desire publicity; and an unscrupulous President took advantage of the opening. The lesson then to be learned from the New York crash is the weakness inherent in many of these American developments from the duplicate system of Federal and State legislation and practice. What may be perfectly legitimate as seen from New York may be highly reprehensible when viewed from Washington, and vice-versa. Fortunately the nation at large is not blind to the evils engendered of double control, and the natural remedy in the gradual extension of Federal over State control is growing steadily from day to day. Still many important influences are ranged on the side of the present wasteful system, and most noteworthy and influential of these are the trusts which strive to monopolise and centre in their own nominees the entire industry of the country. The downfall of the New York Banks is only one of the minor effects of a generally unhealthy system; but has probably done a great deal to opening the public eye to the necessity of some radical change.

The mail via Siberia yesterday delivered London advices dated Nov. 26th, (27 days).

The Rotterdam Dock strikers have decided to accept the terms of the employers' union and to resume work.

Last week's communicable disease amounted to three cases of small-pox; one of diphtheria, and one of enteric fever.

The cruisers "Hawke," Capt. O. F. Gilllett, and "Resolute," Capt. C. F. Henderson, left Portsmouth on November 23 with reliefs for the China Station.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 22nd December, 1907, shows that of non-Chinese there were 394 to the Library and 223 to the Museum; and of Chinese 135 to the former and 3,518 to the latter. The Library was therefore used by 529 persons and the Museum by 3,746.

A number of merchants of Shantung province have sent notices to the Peking Government to the effect that H. E. Wu Ting-ping, Acting Governor of that province, is an incapable official who does not know how to discharge his duties, except "to foster foreigners especially the Germans." In conclusion the petitioners request the Government to remove him without delay and to appoint an "enlightened" official in his stead.

At the office of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon Island Lot No. 1730, which has an area of 27,801 square feet, was offered for sale by public auction. The purchasers were Messrs. Palmer and Turner, who obtained the lot for \$11,540, being \$50 above the upset price.

A dispatch from Wuchang states the H. E. Liang Ting-fan, Provincial Judge of Hupoh, is resolved to resign his post and will leave his whole family out of the province in a few days, as he has received a private letter from Peking to the effect that he has been denounced to the Throne by H. E. Yuan Shih-kai on the charge of incapacity.

The "Boersse Courier" states that the Hamburg-American Line has bought the patent rights of the Schlick gyroscope, and appliances for nullifying the rolling of ships at sea, and has ordered the Vulcan works at Stettin to build an apparatus, at a cost of 150,000 marks (\$27,500) for installation on board the North Sea steamer "Silvana."

A fire occurred at Telegraph Bay on Saturday which demolished ten matchboxes in which six Chinese families lived. The outbreak was caused by a Chinese girl throwing a lighted match on to a curtain, and was not discovered until the flames had a good hold, by which time the combined efforts of the villagers were unable to extinguish the fire until their houses had been burnt to the ground. The damage is estimated at \$1000.

It will be remembered that an Imperial Rescript was recently issued through the Grand Council urging H. E. Tsin Ch'un-tai (Shun) ex-Viceroy of the Liangkang provinces, to go up to Peking for an audience. The Central Government is in receipt of a telegram from his Excellency stating that he will obey the Imperial command as soon as he has entirely recovered from the present seizure of the illness to which he is chronically subject.

The total number of vessels entering and leaving the port of Hamburg during 1906 was 23,255, with a tonnage of 17,559,000 tons. The vessels entering Hamburg numbered 11,192, with a total tonnage of 9,884,000 tons, while 11,233 vessels left the port, and their tonnage was 7,668,000 tons. The vessels trading between Hamburg and the other German ports numbered 6,522, with a total tonnage of 3,100,000 tons, and the whole of the rest of the shipping trade was between Hamburg and the rest of the world.

A new militant suffragette policy of public protest against the "trial of virtuous women by man-made laws" has commenced in London police-courts. This propaganda is being carried out by members of the Women's Freedom League, one of whose planks is that "judicial administration without representation is despotism." Scenes took place not only in London, but also in Scotland, and reports of similar demonstrations from various provincial police-courts in England are also to hand.

A Mital Exchange reader considers the tin outlook the reverse of promising. "I am quite impartial," he writes; "I closed my bear yesterday at a profit of nearly \$4,000, and I am finished. Although I took my profit I still think tin must go lower. My Cornish advices—they know as much about the tin market in Cornwall as they do anywhere—all point to a lower price. My eastern advices show recent accumulation of supplies which are bound to come out before long. I am quite impartial, as I have said. I would be a bull of tin to-morrow if the position were favourable, but it is not and writing with much inside knowledge, let me advise readers to be cautious."

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held this afternoon letters will be read from the Government forwarding a copy of the proposed additional regulation under the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903; relative to the site for the vegetable market at Yau-mat, and relative to the construction of a bridge over the yard of 235, Queen's Road Central. Among other business to be considered is a minute by Mr. Liu Chuk-pak relative to the amendment of the Existing Public Health and Buildings Ordinance and the by-laws in respect of the removal of infected persons, the disinfection of infected premises etc., and a minute by the Medical Officer of Health thereon.

LOCAL SPORT.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

On Christmas and Boxing Days commencing at 2 p.m. and 11 a.m. respectively, the Hongkong Cricket Club will play against a combined League XI. The following will represent the Club:—Messrs. R. Hancock, H. Hancock, W. C. D. Turner, T. E. Parsons, Major H. E. Lewis, 119th Infantry, Capt. R. F. E. Krickboeck, 119th Infantry, Messrs. H. R. Mahi, A. A. Claxton, A. W. J. Peaks, E. A. Fowler and Wm. Dixon.

HOCKEY.

HOCKEY CLUB & NAVAL TEAM.

The following, playing in colours, will represent the Club on the Club Ground this afternoon at 4.45 p.m. sharp:—Lt. Forde, R.N.; T. M. Knott and C. W. Jeffries; T. C. Gray, H. L. Garrett and F. H. Forde; Balmer-Johnson, L. G. Bird, E. Gaster, F. V. Kirwan, A.S.C. and A. N. Oher.

A SURPRISE.

A woman sitting in the public portion of the Greenwich Police Court created a diversion in the middle of a case in which a female was concerned by rising and interrupting the magistrate. "I want to make a protest against the laws made by man," she said. Mr. Huston, the magistrate, who is slightly deaf, "Yes, certainly. Tell me all about it!" The woman was surprised at the unexpected, "I have nothing more to say about it," she exclaimed, and hastily left the court.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE BRITISH NAVY.

LONDON, December 21st.

The Standard states that the Admiralty has decided to establish a Pacific North American squadron next May, consisting of the fourth cruiser squadron and six ships of the County class. It is believed that the base will be Esquimault.

THE CRUISE OF THE UNITED STATES BATTLESHIPS.

LONDON, December 21st.

Mr. Taft, interviewed in New York said it was nonsense to think that Japanese were anti-American. They were not concerned about the Pacific cruise, which they consider a mere naval test.

[N.C. Daily News Service.]

THE JAPANESE BUDGET.

Tokyo, December 16th.

The details of next year's Budget have been finally settled at an extraordinary Cabinet Council held on Sunday and a State Council held to-day.

Public on torpedoes have been postponed, thereby effecting a saving of Yen 40,000,000 on an average annually for a period of six consecutive years. The army is affected to the extent of Yen 20,000,000 annually and the navy by Yen 53,000,000 in the six years.

Increased duties on the consumption of tobacco, sake and sugar and a new duty on petroleum are expected to yield annually Yen 31,000,000.

The new Budget re-affirms Japan's peace policy. The extension of armaments has been largely arrested presumably in view of the widening sphere of Japan's entente with foreign Powers.

The present settlement is largely due to the good offices of the Marquis Katsura, the ex-Premier.

WILLIAM DANBY, M.I.C.E., HONGKONG.

The *Far Eastern Review* for December says:—No one man in the Far East is better or more favorably known among all nationalities than is Mr. William Danby, M.I.C.E., the pioneer engineer and architect of Hongkong who paved the way for the remarkable development in engineering and construction that has marked the history of the East in the last half-century. Mr. Danby was born May 5th, 1842, and received his early education at the Leeds Grammar School. After taking a course at King's College, London, he was articled as a civil engineer to the municipal engineer of Leeds and later became assistant, receiving the appointment of borough engineer of Leeds. In 1869 he accepted the position of chief resident engineer under the late Sir Thomas Hawksley, P.E.S. (past president of the Institute of Engineers) in charge of the large Walsbarn Extension of the Leeds & W. Y. and remained in that capacity until 1873, when he received the appointment as Assistant to the Surveyor of Hongkong.

His first important work and which stands a monument of his splendid service, was the direction of the borings and the charge of the detailed surveys of the then projected Tytan Waterworks. From 1874 to 1879 he was in complete charge of all the new government work and surveys.

He resigned from the private service in February, 1879, to take up government practice and since that time he has supervised much of the principal construction that has featured the growth of Hongkong and he is recognised as an authority on all questions pertaining to engineering and architecture in the Far East. Among the principal contracts carried out under his supervision were the sugar refineries of Hongkong and the docks.

From his long residence in Hongkong he is looked upon as the "Father" of the colony by his many admirers and there is little in the history of this British outpost with which he is not conversant, having been identified personally with every stage of its development. In May, 1878, he was elected lieutenant of the local volunteer corps and in Jan. 1883, received the appointment of Justice of the Peace. He represented the Chinese Government in the settlement of the Shamen Riot Claims at Canton, in August 1884. He was attacked by Chinese in the New Territory while on a geological expedition July 19, 1879. He is Past D.C.G.W., Hongkong and South China, and a member of the Hongkong Club. His address is Queen's Gardens, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

NOBEL PRIZES.

Readers of our telegrams already know that Professor Sir William Crookes, the discoverer of thallium and other new elements and the inventor of innumerable devices for showing the effects of such elements as radium, has been designated as the winner of the Nobel prize for chemistry, worth £7,800, and Mr. Rutherford Kipling of that literature.

Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, left nearly £2,000,000 in 1895 for prize to be awarded every year to the persons who deserved most of humanity in:

Physical Science.	Literature.
Chemistry.	Peace and disarmament.
Medicine.	

Former English winners have been: Major Ross (for the study of malaria and mosquitoes), Sir W. Crozier, M.P. (advocacy of peace), Lord Rayleigh and Professor Thomson (physics), and Sir William Ramsay (chemistry).

BAPTISM OF CHINESE.

CONVERTED CONFUCIANS IMMERSED IN LIVERPOOL CHURCH.

A novel ceremony was witnessed by an interested congregation at the Boaler street Evangelical Church, Liverpool, last month, when seven Chinese converts to Christianity were baptised. The converts work at landladies in the district. All came from Canton and formerly were Confucians. Their conversion is the result of the work of a Chinese mission school, which was established at The Brook some months ago. The converts solemnly endured the ordeal of being totally immersed in the extremely cold water. It is said that so far from newly made Chinese Christians being boycotted by their fellow countrymen, more conversions will follow.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, December 23rd.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

RETURNING FROM BANISHMENT.

Many Chinese exiles find it impossible to stay away from Hongkong for the term of their banishment, and after a few months, or perhaps a few years, return in the hope of escaping observation. But the vigilance of the police force enables few to remain long here without being discovered. Last week four deportees were caught in the Colony, and yesterday two more appeared before his Worship on the charge of disobeying banishment orders. Each man was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment.

DARING ARMED ROBBERY.

As a native was proceeding along a street at Shamshing on Sunday, eight men armed with bamboo poles attacked him, relieved him of a bundle of clothing and \$5 in money, and decamped. A man has been arrested on suspicion of being implicated, and the police are in hopes of apprehending the others. The native arrested was placed before the Court, and remanded.

AN ADMIRER OF HONGKONG.

An old native, who has been arrested about twenty times on charges of begging, appeared again before his Worship yesterday and was fined \$5 or fourteen days' imprisonment. He had no sufficient money to pay the fine, so was removed to jail, struggling and protesting as a police officer hurried him along. After each of his previous appearances before the Court the beggar was shipped to Canton, but as soon as he raised sufficient money to pay his passage he always returned to the Colony.

ANOTHER PIRATE STORY.

Ho Yuo and Wong Chak were arraigned before his Worship on the charge of armed robbery in China, and Chief Detective-Insp. Hanson conducted the prosecution.

Mr. Hanson, in opening, informed the Court that the first witness was a trader, and was in the habit of going from Shin Lam village, in the Heungshan District, China, by boat to the market at Tong Chau. On the 6th October he left Shin Lam to go to the latter market town, having on his boat thirteen piculs of fish. He arrived at his destination about mid-day, sold his fish, and left for home at about 3.30 in the afternoon. He and his crew had got some three miles along the river when ten men appeared on the bank, levelled rifles at the boat, and called upon the master to stop. When the pirates saw that the crew intended to disobey the call, they opened fire and after four or five shots had been fired the crew became frightened and hauled into the bank. The robbers then descended the bank, drove the four men aboard the boat ashore, and placed a guard over them while others proceeded to pillage the craft. The master had the \$26 which he had received for his fish in a box on board. This was broken open by the robbers and they took the money besides all the clothing they found. After this they told the fisherman that he must pay a toll, otherwise he would not be at liberty to travel up and down the river. The boatmen were told that \$100 should be paid within ten days, otherwise if they passed that way they would run the risk of being shot at and killed. The pirates gave the name of Yam U Tong, which meant a robber gang, and asked also that the money be paid at the spot where the fisherman had been held up. After these instructions the boatmen were allowed to return on board, but they were threatened that if they made a noise they would be fired at. Some five or six further along the river they arrived at a station of robbers, and reported the matter. Since this occurrence the master of the boat had given up trading on that part of the river. At an identification at the jail here both prisoners were identified, one by one witness and one by another.

After hearing the evidence his Worship committed the defendants to jail pending the decision of H.E. the Governor as to whether they should be handed over to the Chinese Authorities.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

CAPTAIN AND DOCTOR AT VARIANCE.

Captain Shepherd of the s.s. *Cheong Chien* summoned Dr. Henderson of the same steamer on charges of refusing to obey the captain's lawful commands, with attempting to assault him, and with wilfully and maliciously damaging property to the extent of \$80. As the vessel was leaving port the hearing of the case was adjourned sine die.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF ARMS.

On Saturday a native was arrested by the police as he was about to leave the Fraya on a sampan. They discovered in his luggage fourteen revolvers and 700 rounds of ammunition. He appeared before his Worship yesterday charged with being in unlawful possession of these, and as the case was proved he was fined \$5 or six months' imprisonment, and the arms and ammunition were confiscated.

A CANTON MERCHANT IN HONGKONG.

A native, who described himself as a Canton merchant, and who was charged with being in possession of, and uttering counterfeit coin, told his Worship that he came to Hongkong to look for his lost brother. His search for the missing one took him to the Western Market. There he purchased some edibles from a provision stall, tendering a Hongkong dollar note in payment. He received 80 cents change, the price of the wares he purchased being 20 cents. Then he wanted seven cents commission on the note. The vendor refused to give more than four, so the man from Canton took back the local note and paid for his wares with a Chinese note. At the same time he asked for ten instead of twenty cent pieces, handing over four counterfeit coins, which the stall holder accepted, and did not discover they were

had until the customer had departed. But only a few days elapsed before he again paid the salesman a visit, purchased some sausages and endeavored to palm off three spurious twenty cent pieces for others he had received in change. Then the stallholder arrested him and handed him over to the police, who found other sixty cents in counterfeit coin in his possession. His Worship, after hearing the evidence, sentenced the defendant to three months' imprisonment with hard labour and six hours' stocks.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN PLAYERS.

Again last night, at the Theatre Royal, there was a crowded house to witness the second performance of "The Belle of New York" by Pollard's Australian Lilliputians. The majority of the audience, who were broodingly anxious compared to the miniature performers, marvelled at the output of talent from Lilliput as many have marvelled before them, and spectators who found their way to the City Hall also found it necessary to believe that the performers were only juveniles by the evidence of their own eyesight. The young Australians again carried the play through with the same pleasing swing of the opening night, amid the boundless enthusiasm of the audience, all of whom, as a rule, appreciate a good performance, but many of whom did not anticipate that the Lilliputians could provide such a "good thing" as they did. To-night, for the last time "The Belle of New York" will be staged. There will be no theatre on Christmas night. On Thursday and two following nights the children will play "In Town."

KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Board Room, on the 3rd December 1907.
Present:—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), A. F. Gardiner, Messrs. T. Angohow, W. Kruse, S. Okunaka, W. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary.
1. The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed.
2. An application is read from the Japanese Consul requesting permission to use certain ground near the Lower West Road, below the German Consul's residence and in the direction of the Japanese Cemetery, by the officers of H.I.J.M.'s ship "Naniwa," for small arm practice on a day to be notified by the Japanese Consul. The Council decide to grant permission, providing the Senior Officer of the party firing takes every precaution to ensure the safety of the public (persons using the roads and paths, working in the fields, quarries, or beach boats near the beach) by putting out sufficient look out men to prevent persons approaching within the danger zone.
3. On the motion of Mr. Wallace, it is decided to ask the China Light and Power Co. Ltd. to forward, with as little delay as possible, the conditions of their proposals (in detail) for supplying the Settlement with light and power.
4. A letter from the Superintendent of Police to the German Consul, together with his reply is read concerning a collision between a Lil cented sampan (No 92) and a steam pinnace belonging to S. M. S. "Arona," in the harbour on the night of the 29th Nov., by which an Austrian sailor, belonging to the "Kaiser Franz Josef II," and two Chinese were drowned. The German Consul in his reply states that from the report of the S.M.S. "Arona" it is evident that the sampan is alone to blame for the accident, as the sampan, without having a light, tried to cross the bow of the German pinnace which was carrying both red and white lights, whereas she should have passed behind the pinnace. Moreover the sampan was overloaded and careful handling was the more necessary.
5. The Superintendent of Police reports the following cases have been heard in the Mixed Court since the last meeting:—
SUMMONSES.
Debt 1, Breach of property 1, Contempt of Court 1, Breach of Municipal Regulations 1.
SUMMARY ARRESTS.
Theft 6, Assault 2, Committing a nuisance 2, Housebreaking 1, Contempt of Court 1.
(Signed) W. H. WALLACE, Chairman.

By order,
C. BERNLEY MITCHELL,
Secretary.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 23rd at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen considerably over Japan, the depression having moved into the Pacific. Pressure has increased slightly over the Philippines, and given way a little on the S. coast of China.
The anticyclonic area remains over Central China and pressure is relatively low over the S. part of the China Sea.
Strong monsoon will continue to prevail in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—
N.E. winds, strong; fair.
Same as No. 1.
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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—Christmas Day. Matins (11 a.m.) Hymn, 60; Responses, Festival; Venite, Credo; Psalms, Special; Te Deum, Standford in B flat; Benedictus, Garrett in G; Agnus Dei, Galsky; Hymn, 58; Kyrie, Adam in F; Offertory Hymn, 60.
N.B.—Hymn 60 (in unison) not played over.
Psalm 119 Verses 1, 2 and 16 in unison. Psalms 45 Verses 7, 11 and 18 in unison. Psalms 38 Verses 4, 9 and 13 in unison.
Preacher—The Lord Bishop of Victoria.
N.B.—Choir Practice Friday, December 27th.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Minutes of a Monthly Meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce of Hongkong, held in the Chamber Room, 85, George Street, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 12th November, 1907 at 3.30 p.m. Present:—Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett (Chairman), Messrs. A. G. Wood, (Vice-Chairman), A. Haupt, D. R. Law, G. H. Medhurst, J. R. M. Smith, H. E. Tomkins and A. R. Lowe, Secretary.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 31st October were read and confirmed.
SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION 1909.
The following letter from the Government was read:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 21st October, 1907.
Sir, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter addressed by the Chairman of the Shanghai Branch of the China Association to His Majesty's Consul-General at Shanghai on the subject of an Exhibition which it is proposed to hold at that port in 1909, and to request that your Chamber will be so good as to furnish me with your views regarding the proposal that this Colony should participate.—I am, dear Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce.

China Association,
Shanghai Branch,
18th July, 1907.
Sir Pelham Warren, K.C.M.G.,
H. B. M. Consul-General,
Shanghai.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that it is proposed to hold an International Exhibition in Shanghai under the auspices of this Association during 1909 provided sufficient support can be obtained.

The Exhibition will be called Shanghai International Exhibition and will be confined to staple manufactures and machinery.

It is of course impossible at this early stage to give particulars of space available for each exhibitor or of the terms on which space can be rented. I may however mention that 70 acres of land have been secured in a suitable situation and I hope shortly to forward a plan of same with proposed buildings. In the meantime I would be glad if you would communicate with the Governors of the various Colonies and ascertain from them what measures of support the Exhibition is likely to receive from the manufacturers in their districts and if they will be prepared to subscribe to a guarantee fund, which it will be necessary to raise.

So far as can be seen the scheme has every prospect of success, and will no doubt prove beneficial to British interests in the Far East. Further particulars will be forwarded as soon as possible.—I have etc.

(Sgd.) F. B. SKOTTS,
Chairman.

It was decided to reply that the Committee recommended the Government to bring the proposal before all likely Hongkong Exhibitors and to endeavour to form a court thoroughly representative of the Colony's trade and industries.

CURRENCY QUESTION.

The following correspondence was read:—
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1907.

Sir, With reference to Mr. Thomson's letter of the 21st May, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Chamber of Commerce the enclosed copy of a despatch addressed by His Majesty's Minister at Peking to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on the subject of the representations made by the Chinese Government in the matter of the reform of the currency in China.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce.

Enclosure No. 385.
Peking, 24th July, 1907.

Sir, In pursuance of a representation which he recently received from the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps addressed a note, copy of which I have the honour to enclose, to Prince Ching again calling the attention of His Highness to the disabilities under which Foreign Trade is labouring owing to the delay in the establishment of a uniform National Coinage.

In reply, copy of which is likewise enclosed, the Prince states that the question is now under the consideration of a Commission composed of officials in the Grand Secretariat and other departments of State who will make a report to the Throne, after which His Highness promises to furnish fuller information on the subject.

In spite of his assurances, I regret to say that no material advance has, as far as I can ascertain, been made towards the attainment of a uniform system of currency. At the same time it must be admitted that in certain respects at least the Chinese Government have shown some appreciation of the disadvantages of irresponsible action on the part of the provinces.

Restrictions have been placed on the issue of copper coins from the provincial mints, the experiment which His Excellency Chang Ching-tung was authorised to make of introducing a Tael coinage has been stopped and its failure seems to have convinced the Central Government that the dollar must be adopted as the standard coin.

Apart from the above and the visit of inspection which His Excellency Chen-pi, the Vice-President of the Board of Finance, lately

made to the provincial mints, China has not yet taken any effective measures towards accomplishing the difficult task she has set herself by the Second Article of the British Treaty of 1901.—I have, etc.

(Sgd.) J. N. JORDAN.

The Right Honourable
Sir Edward Grey, Bart. M.P.,
Ac. Ac. Ac.

Copy.

The Dean of the Diplomatic Body to H.I.H. the Prince Ching.

Peking, July 12th, 1907.

IMPERIAL HIGHNESS. The serious disabilities under which foreign trade in China has been labouring by reason of the incessant and often violent fluctuations in the gold value of silver, are well known to the Imperial Government of China, and remedial measures, particularly the early adoption of a uniform coinage, have, we are aware, received its careful attention within the last few years; none have, however, we believe, met with its approval, and the difficulty of the situation appears to be increasing, and proves ever more disturbing to foreign commercial interests in China.

The gravity of the situation thus created, and the difficulty in which the Foreign Representatives at Peking find themselves to reassure their nationals and to hold out to them hopes for a betterment, have led them to request me to address Your Imperial Highness on the subject, and to ask if it be not possible that some assurance be given them that the measures now under consideration for the adoption of a uniform coinage are such that a favourable and early solution of the question can be hoped for. Such assurances they could in turn communicate to the commercial bodies engaged in the China trade and they would unquestionably allay all apprehensions on that point, and re-establish confidence—so essential to commercial undertakings, of every nature.

Trusting that Your Imperial Highness will be in a position to supply the Diplomatic Body the information it desires, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Imperial Highness the assurance of my highest consideration.

THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC BODY.

Copy.

Lettre du Prince Ching a Son Excellence le Doyen du Corps Diplomatique a Peking.

Le 10 Juillet, 1907.

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser réception de la lettre du 12 Juin dernier concernant l'introduction d'un système monétaire uniforme en Chine et me demandant si les mesures maintenant en considération, donnaient à espérer une solution prompte et satisfaisante.

Notre Département s'est efforcé de se mettre en communication avec le Ministère des Finances, qui nous fait parvenir la communication suivante:—
"Considérant que le prix de l'argent est exposé à des hausses et des baisses, notre Département est justement en train de chercher un moyen pour avoir un système monétaire uniforme en Chine."

"Le 10 Mai dernier un mémorandum fut présenté au trône et en réponse un Décret Impérial ordonnait aux fonctionnaires du Grand Secrétariat et des divers Départements de se concerter et d'en faire un rapport au trône."

"Après que les pourparlers aient eu lieu et le rapport avec les moyens à employer sera envoyé au trône, nous vous ferons savoir les détails, avec un compte rendu exact."

Nous avons l'honneur de porter ce qui précède à la connaissance de Votre Excellence.

The CHAIRMAN said it was regrettable to learn that no material advance had so far been made by the Chinese Government in placing the currency of the Empire on a uniform basis but it was to be hoped that the Hongkong Government would lose no opportunity of furthering the project as opportunity offered.

CHINESE EMIGRATION ORDINANCE 1889.
Letter from the Government was read as follows:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1907.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Sweeney Smith's letter of the 16th of November, 1906, and to previous correspondence I am directed to inform you that His Majesty's Government does not see its way to permit the amendment of the Chinese Emigration Ordinance 1889, in the direction desired by the Chamber.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the attitude of the Home Government towards the carrying of contract Chinese labourers in British Ships on voyages of over 30 days duration was to be regretted in the interests of British Trade but it was not unexpected that it would be advisable to represent the feeling of the Chamber to the London Chamber of Commerce.

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH BANK OF THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

The following Letter and Enclosures were read:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 29th October, 1907.

Sir,—I am directed to forward a translation of an article which appeared in the last Vernacular Paper on the 17th instant regarding the proposed establishment in this Colony of a branch of the Bank controlled by the Chinese Board of Finance, and to request that you will be so good as to furnish me with the views of your Chamber on the subject.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

TRANSLATIONS.

Extract from the "Tsun Wan Yat Po" of the 17th October, 1907.

Proposed Establishment of a Branch Bank in Hongkong.

Tsai Wa Ho of the Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration, Hongkong, has recently forwarded a petition to the Viceroy to the following effect:—

"The Bank controlled by the Board of Finance has made a very good profit since it was first established. Tsai Lok Ping has received the Imperial Command to start a branch of that Bank in Canton. The close commercial connection between Canton and Hongkong demands that a branch of the bank should also be established in Hongkong so as to improve the present facilities for trade. If such a branch bank of the Imperial Chinese Government is established, commerce is bound to improve. He requests the Viceroy to submit his suggestions for the consideration of the Board of Revenue and the Chief Director of the Bank."

It was decided to reply that the Chamber could see no reason to object against the opening of a Chinese Government Bank in the Colony so long as it was on exactly the same footing as the other Foreign Banks now trading in the Colony.

MR. YANG SHIH CHI, AN OFFICIAL DEPUTED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE INTO TRADE CONDITIONS OF THE VARIOUS COLONIAL POSSESSIONS OF THE WESTERN POWERS.

The following Correspondence was read:—
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 29th October, 1907.

Sir,—I am directed to inform you that an official named Mr. Yang Shih Chi, who has been deputed by the Chinese Government to proceed on a mission of investigation into trade conditions in the various Colonial Possessions of the Western Powers where there are Chinese Communities, is expected to arrive shortly in this Colony.

2. His Excellency will be glad to have any observations or suggestions that your Chamber may see fit to offer regarding Mr. Yang's visit.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,
8th November, 1907.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28th ultimo (No. 7434/1907) relative to the mission of Mr. Yang Shih Chi and to express the thanks of my Committee for the information placed at their disposal.

This Chamber has no particular observations or suggestions to offer regarding Mr. Yang's visit, but if that gentleman desires any information which he believes the Chamber can supply as to the course of trade in this Colony, I am to suggest that he should either write direct to me on the points he requires elucidation, or make an appointment for a personal interview with me at the office of this Chamber.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

MR. F. H. MAY, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Yang Shih Chi had not applied for any information.

LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMERCIAL EXAMINATIONS.

The following letter from the Commercial Education Department of the London Chamber was read:—

Oxford Court,
Cannon Street, E.C.,
2nd October, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—The Commercial Education Committee of this Chamber desire to call your attention to the Scheme of Commercial Education which it has promoted since 1890, and cordially invites the assistance of your Chamber in this important work.

No less than 38 Chambers of Commerce in the United Kingdom and the Colonies are co-operating with this Chamber, by conducting under their auspices, the examination of students who may be presented from the Schools or Colleges in their respective towns or districts.

A copy of the Syllabus of the Examinations for 1908—a circular letter, addressed to parents, guardians and students, setting forth the objects and advantages of these examinations for the intended for a commercial career—and the Rules and Regulations for the formation of a Local Centre of examinations, by Chambers of Commerce are sent under separate cover. Should your Chamber require additional copies of any of the above, or further particulars relating thereto, they will be readily supplied on application.

Trusting that your Chamber may give this matter their careful consideration and decide to co-operate in this movement.—Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) KENNETH B. MURRAY,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong, China.

The Enclosures were laid on the table.

It was agreed that the Chairman should discuss the matter with the Inspector of Schools.

NEW YORK TO PARIS BY MOTOR.

REQUEL TO THE CHINA RIDE.

The "Matin" announces on November 25 details of a grand motor car tour which it is organising. The route will be from New York to Paris by land, without taking steamer.

The cars will leave Paris on February 2, next year, and on reaching Liverpool will be shipped to New York, where the start for the great journey will be made.

The route to be followed will be by way of Chicago, Klondyke, Alaska, Behring Strait, which will be crossed on the ice during the Polar winter—and Siberia.

TRY IT "CLUB" THAT'S ALL

PRONOUNCED THE BEST SCOTCH WHISKY AT THE PRICE ON THE MARKET.

"CLUB" SCOTCH.—OUR SPECIAL BLEND.—This Whisky shows the high perfection obtained by long experience in the selecting and skill in the blending of Scotch Whiskies. The extreme softness and mellowness and the fine character are produced by great age, high quality and judicious blending. Being entirely free from medicinal properties of exceptional value, and is unquestionably the perfection of Scotch Whiskies.

PER DOZEN \$14.00

H. PRICE & CO., LTD.

WINE, SPIRIT & CIGAR MERCHANTS,
12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE EWO COTTON SPINNING & WEAVING CO., LD.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The general managers submit a statement of accounts to October 31, 1907, showing the result of twelve months' working to that date.

The period under review has been an abnormal one for all yarns, and while the cotton crop of 1907 was of good quality, it was in short supply, and prices were maintained at a high level throughout the year.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss in the 46,907.82 which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 2s. 2d. per share on 15,000 shares 3,750.00
To carry forward to new account 43,157.82

Tls. 46,907.82

During the year the sum of Tls. 22,663.03 has been expended on special repairs and renewals out of the amount of Tls. 45,930.82 set aside for that purpose in 1906.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.
On his departure for Europe, Mr. P. F. Lovers resigned his seat on the Committee and Mr. E. E. Clark was invited to fill the vacancy. H. E. Lord Li Ching-long has also resigned for the same reason, but the vacancy has not so far been filled.

In accordance with Article XVII, the Members of the Consulting Committee retire, but all are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

MR. G. R. WINGROVE has audited the Company's accounts and his re-election to the position requires the confirmation of the shareholders.

J. B. J. MATHESON, C. O., LD.,
General Managers.

Shanghai, December 1st, 1907.
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
For year ended October 31, 1907.

BALANCE SHEET at October 31, 1907.

LIABILITIES.

Capital—Authorized 20,000 shares at Tls. 5.—Tls. 1,000,000—subscribed 15,000 shares at Tls. 50 750,000

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. 507,017
Accounts payable 12,098
Uncollected dividends 23,278
Repairs and renewals 190,000
Equalization of dividend account 42,807

Profit and loss Tls. 1,580,057

ASSETS.

By Property Tls. 138,438
Buildings 300,490
Plant and machinery 367,630
Water supply 4,320
Furniture 16,598
Mill stores 99,871
Cotton stock 30,156
Cotton and yarn in process 531,729
Yarn stock 531,729
Waste in stock 6,884
Unexpired fire insurance premium 422
Accounts receivable 71,332
Cash in hand 99

Tls. 1,580,057

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.
For year ended October 31, 1907.

To Rates and taxes Tls. 2,361
Fire insurance 18,128
Interest 30,095
Directors' fees 250
Auditor's fees 250
Repairs and renewals 14,332
Balance 46,807

Tls. 116,224

By Balance brought forward 64,988
Balance of Working Account 51,114
Transfer fees 124

Tls. 116,224

HISTORIC CHEQUES.

One day last month the Russian Ambassador visited the Japanese Embassy at 4, Grosvenor Gardens and formally handed to the Japanese Ambassador a draft for £2,880,440 8s. 6d., the balance of the sum due to Japan for the money expended by her on the maintenance of the Russian prisoners, as agreed under the terms of the Portsmouth treaty.

The original sum due to Japan was slightly larger, but there was a small per contra account entered by the maintenance of the few Japanese prisoners on Russian soil.

This "deal" practically consolidated Russia's financial indebtedness to Japan as a result of the war.

The payment does not mean that the money which is now in the Bank of England will be transferred and so unsettle the Money market. On the contrary, Japan will temporarily lead the money.

The world's largest cheque was for £11,088,775, paid over the Bank of England counter to the Japanese Minister as the first instalment of the Chinese indemnity for the war of 1895. The second instalment was a cheque for £2,225,000 in 1901.

When De Biers bought the Kimberley Central Company they paid over a cheque for £2,338,650. Mr. Pierpont Morgan, in connection with the disposal of Mr. Carnegie's steel holdings, drew a cheque for £4,781,751. 2s. 6d., and last month, when money was over 100 per cent. premium, he sent down to Wall-street about £25,000,000 in one batch of securities.

The smallest cheque is probably that for one cent (3d.), drawn by the American Treasury for the President, in whose Presidential salary an error had been made.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. str. Arcadia left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst. at 8 a.m. with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 27th inst. at about noon.

The C.P.R. str. Empress of China arrived Shanghai at 11.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 21st inst., and left again at 8.30 a.m. Sunday for Nagasaki where she was due to arrive at 1 p.m. yesterday.

AWFUL SUFFERING OF LITTLE BOY

Bad Sores Spread All Over His Head—Grew Worse Under Doctor's Care—Cuticura Effects Perfect Cure, Bringing Relief with First Set.

FATHER RECOMMENDS CUTICURA TO EVERY ONE

"When my little boy was about four years old (he is now about six and a half years) a spot appeared on the side of his face just under the ear. After a time it broke and spread further down. I took him to a doctor as soon as it appeared. He was under his orders for about three or four months when he was much worse. Seeing in a paper a Cuticura advertisement I went and got a complete set of the Cuticura Remedies, the Cuticura Ointment, Cuticura Soap, and Cuticura Resolvent. I took him away from the doctors and gave him these Cuticura Remedies. I used two large bottles of Resolvent, five tablets of Cuticura Soap and two or three tins of Cuticura Ointment. From the first bottle he began to mend and before he had finished the two he was wholly mended. About twelve months after he broke out again at the back of the neck and it spread all over the head. I had one large and two small bottles of Cuticura Resolvent, three tins of Cuticura Ointment, and four tablets of Cuticura Soap before I got it mended. I think it took me about three months each time. I is now about eighteen months since he was ill, and it has not broken out again, so I think he is all right now, thanks to Cuticura. I always recommend Cuticura wherever I can, and I will always have pleasure in answering any inquiries. R. South, 26 Newmarket Rd., Middlesbrough, York, June 24, 1906."

ONE NIGHT TREATMENT

For Sore Hands and Feet with Cuticura.

Soak the hands or feet on retiring in a strong hot, creamy lather of Cuticura Soap. Dry and anoint freely with Cuticura Ointment, the great Skin Cure. Wear on the hands during the night old, loose gloves, and bandage the feet lightly in old soft cotton or linen.

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Form of Itching, Burning, and Smarting of the Skin, including Eczema, Scalds, Burns, and all other Skin Affections. Cuticura Soap to Cleanse the Skin, Cuticura Ointment to Heal the Skin, and Cuticura Resolvent to Purify the Blood. A Single Set Cures. Cuticura Remedies are sold everywhere. Write for a Free Booklet. Cuticura Remedies are sold everywhere. Write for a Free Booklet. Cuticura Remedies are sold everywhere.

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P.O. Box, 33. Telephone No. 12.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

M. R. HANS TIEFENBACHER is authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong by joint procuration in conjunction with **ME. G. ENGEL**.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1907. 2011

NOTICE.

RE Estate **E. F. SHMITT**, late Lightkeeper Cape Cami, Hoihow. All outstanding accounts as well as assets should be sent at once to the undersigned.

IMPERIAL GERMAN CONSULATE, HOIHOW.

Hoihow, 20th December, 1907. 2012

STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE SETTLEMENTS This Month (December) will take place on **MONDAY** next, the 30th instant.

E. J. MOSES,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1907. 2013

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES** will be **CLOSED** for the Transaction of Public Business on **WEDNESDAY** and **THURSDAY**, the 25th and 26th instant respectively.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1907. 2014

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 84, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be **CLOSED** for the Transaction of Public Business on **WEDNESDAY** and **THURSDAY**, 1st and 2nd January, respectively.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1907. 2015

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 308 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION MARKING CONSERVANCY WORKS IN THE WHANGPU.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that masters of vessels navigating the WHANGPU should constantly make themselves acquainted with SHANGHAI HARBOUR NOTIFICATIONS bearing on the progress of CONSERVANCY WORKS and the Aids to Navigation established in connection therewith, as the information necessary for safe navigation is contained only in such Harbour Notifications.

W. FELD TYLER,
Coast Inspector.

Coast Inspector's Office.
Shanghai, 19th December, 1907. 2016

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

For **SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.**

THE Company's Steamship.

"HAITAN."

Captain J. S. Rutch, will be despatched for the above Ports on **FRIDAY**, the 27th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to **DOUGLAS LAPELAK & Co.,**
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1907. 2019

For **NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUZ CANAL.**
(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast).

THE Steamship

"ERROLL,"

will be despatched as above on or about the 17th January.

For Freight, &c., apply to **STANDARD OIL CO. OF NEW YORK.**

Oriental Freight Department,
(Hotel Mansion).

Hongkong, 24th December, 1907. 2017

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"SUNDA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORTSAID, SUZ CANAL, & STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 29th inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1907. 1

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

THE CATHOLIC UNION.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

A Burlesque in Two Acts,
"LOVE IN LOTUS LAND."

Dates of Performances:
SATURDAY, 28th Dec. 9 P.M.
MONDAY, 30th " 9 P.M.
SATURDAY, 4th January, 9 P.M.

MATINEE:
THURSDAY, 2nd January, 5.30 P.M.

Plans of Seats now on view at above address. Admission 5s.

For Children 50 cents at Matinee only.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1907. 2018

INTIMATIONS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be **CLOSED** for the Transaction of Public Business on **WEDNESDAY** (25th) and **THURSDAY** (26th) inst., respectively.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1907. 2005

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOTICE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS

OUR Store and Wine and Spirit Department will **REMAIN OPEN** until 7 P.M. **TODAY (TUESDAY)**, 24th instant. On **CHRISTMAS DAY**, and 26th instant the hours of business will be from 10 A.M. until 1 P.M.

THE KOWLOON DISPENSARY
will observe the same hours of business.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1907. 2006

TO LET

TO LET
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

GODOWNS Nos. 95, 96 and 101, Praya East.

Apply to—**CHATER & MODY,**
Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1907. 1039

TO LET.

HOUSES in **AUSTIN AVENUE,** Kowloon.

Apply to—**E. D. SASSOON & CO.,**
Comptroller Department.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1907. 1392

TO LET.

THE Top Floor of No. 2, Wyndham Street, lately vacated by the Hotel Baltimore, suitable for a Club or Boarding House.

First Floor of No. 6, Queen's Road, Central, comprising Six Large Rooms and Outhouses suitable for business Premises or Dwellings, now occupied by **FRED. BORNEMANN & CO.**

Apply to—**DAVID SASSOON & Co. Ltd.**
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1907. 1833

TO LET.

"LEWKNOR" No. 116, Praya, Furnished, for 17 months from the end of April 1908.

Apply to—**M. W. SLADE,**
Princes Buildings.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1907. 1359

TO LET.

THE WHOLE of the **SECOND FLOOR** of No. 34, Queen's Road Central, (opposite the General Post Office). The Rooms are light, spacious and well ventilated; 13 in number beside kitchen, pantry, bathroom, servants quarters etc. Very moderate rent. Immediate possession.

The above premises can also be rented separately as offices or for residential purposes.

Apply to—**YEE SANG FAT & CO.,**
Same Address.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1907. 1827

TO LET.

"GLENWOOD" CAINE ROAD, suitable for a Boarding house or Club. Containing 23 Rooms.

No. 2, COLLEGE GARDENS, contains 6 Rooms newly painted, repaired and colour-washed. Possession from 1st January, 1908.

OFFICES on the 2nd Floor of **HYPER MANSIONS** 3 ROOMS Corner over Macartney Kruse & Co. Fine position. Cheap rental.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Rooms.

BISHOP'S LODGE SOUTH (PRAY) Partly Furnished, Immediate Possession.

No. 1, MOUNTAIN VIEW (PRAY) Furnished. For 4 or 5 months from 1st December, 1907.

No. 1, ALBANY.

No. 6, DES VOUEX VILLAS (PRAY).

No. 2, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

No. 55, ELGIN STREET (Corner House).

No. 57, PRAYA GRANDE, Macao.

Apply to—**LINSTEAD & DAVIS,**
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1907. 103

TO LET.

NO. 59, CAINE ROAD.

Nos. 27 and 31, SEYMOUR ROAD.

Apply to—**SAM WANG CO. LTD.,**
81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1907. 103

TO LET.

NO. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.

Apply to—**COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT,**
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. 197

TO LET

TO LET.

NO. 33, CAINE ROAD.

AUCTION ROOMS, No. 2, Zetland Street, No. 2, FAIRVIEW, ROBINSON ROAD, Kowloon.

Apply to—**LEIGH & ORANGE,**
1, Des Vaux Road.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1907. 94

TO LET.

"CROWNSNEST," Barker Road, Unfurnished or partly furnished.

Apply to—**C. L. GORHAM,**
3, Padder's Street.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1907. 1016

TO LET.

A HOUSE in **KNUTSFORD TERRACE** KOWLOON.

Apply to—**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.**
Hongkong, 1st December, 1907. 192

TO LET.

"STILLINGFLEET" Peak Road. SIX-ROOMED HOUSE, with Fine View of Harbour.

"HARPERVILLE" Garden Road. SIX-ROOMED HOUSE fitted with Electric Light and full use of Tennis Court.

Apply to—**PERCY SMITH & SETH,**
Accountants & Auditors, &c.,
5, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1907. 1899

TO LET.

NO. 5, MORRISON HILL.

One **FOUR ROOMED HOUSE** at Praya East, near East Point.

Apply to—**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Ltd.**
Hongkong, 21st October, 1907. 1697

TO LET.

PER 1st January, One **OFFICE ROOM** on Second Floor, Prince's Buildings.

Apply to—**REUTER, BROECKELMANN & CO.**
Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 1914

TO LET.

FIRST Class European Houses, Lochiel Terrace and Hampshire Avenue Kowloon.

Apply to—**HEWAN & CO.,**
Care of China Merchants S. N. Co.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1907. 1590

TO LET—FURNISHED.

A SIX ROOMED HOUSE at **ELLIOT CRESCENT**, ROBINSON ROAD.

Apply to—**F. X. D'ALMADA & CASTRO,**
31, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1907. 1915

TO LET.

A SHOP and **DWELLING HOUSE**, No. 78, Queen's Road Central.

Apply to—**Messrs. S. J. DAVID & Co.,**
Princes Buildings.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1907. 1954

TO LET.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

NO. 2, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to—**ARRATON V. APCAR & Co.,**
45, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1907. 491

TO LET.

NO. 5, OMBES TERRACE, Kowloon Cheap Rental.

Apply to—**SPANISH PROCURATION.**
Hongkong, 13th October, 1907. 1677

TO LET.

OFFICES in **ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.**

Apply to—**SECRETARY,**
A. S. WATSON & Co. Limited.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. 1800

TO LET.

10, QUEEN'S GARDENS. For one year from 1st April next.

Apply to—**A. W. BEEVING,**
Registrar General's Office.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1907. 1824

TO LET.

OFFICES on Top Floor No. 2, Connaught Road, facing the Cricket Ground.

"HATHFIELD" Conduit Road.

A HOUSE in **CLIFTON GARDENS**, Conduit Road.

OFFICES in **YORK BUILDINGS.**

GODOWNS in **PRAYA EAST**, BLUE BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Vaux Road next to the Hongkong Hotel.

FLATS in **MONTROSE TERRACE.**

Apply to—**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.**
Hongkong, 1st December, 1907. 1792

TO LET.

NO. 11, SEYMOUR ROAD.

Apply to—**THE COMPRADORE DEPT.,**
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Ltd.,
Connaught Road Central.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1907. 1902

TO LET.

NEW and **COMMODIOUS SHOP** in Des Vaux Road Central, moderate rental.

FLATS in Des Vaux Road Central.

No. 14, SALISBURY AVENUE, Kowloon.

No. 2, GRANVILLE AVENUE, Kowloon.

No. 3, EAST TERRACE, Kowloon.

Apply to—**HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.**
Hongkong, 27th November, 1907. 1155

AUCTION.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, **TODAY (TUESDAY)** the 24th December, 1907, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 3, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Lee House Street,

A QUANTITY OF **ENGLISH JEWELLERY,** comprising—

DIAMOND RINGS, GOLD CHAINS, BRACELETS, PINS, GOLD WATCHES, NECK CHAINS AND FANCY GOODS;

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, comprising—

NEW ENGLISH OVERCOATS, MACINTOSHES, HATS, SUITS OF CLOTHES, SEXTANTS, BINOCULARS, MICROSCOPES, SHOOTING BOOTS, CLOCKS, BAROMETERS, GOLD CHRONOMETER by ARNOLD, SURVEYOR'S LEVEL, and VALUABLE SINGLE STONE DIAMOND RING.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1907. 2007

FOR SALE

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A FINE COPY of **CAMEROEN'S WORKS**, in Portuguese. Four Volumes, Royal Octavo. Published in Lisbon, 1860-4, and bound in green cloth. Splendid Condition.

Apply to—**"CAMEROEN'S,"**
Care of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1907. 2001

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

INLAND LOT No. 1706.

SITUATE at North Point, Shaikwan Road, Hongkong, (next to the Metropole Hotel).

The property contains by admeasurement 103,950 square feet. Crown Rent, \$238.00 per annum.

For further particulars, apply to **GOLDING & BARLOW, Solicitors,**
10, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 12th September 1907. 1494

STORAGE.

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TO BE LET, a Portion of **MARINE LOT** No. 285 at **NORTH POINT**, suitable for above Purpose. **EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.**

Also **FOR SALE.**

Portions of **MARINE LOTS** Nos. 31 & 32 at **PRAYA EAST.** Approximate AREA 13,000 SQUARE FEET. 999 YEARS LEASE.

For Particulars, apply to—**GEO. FENWICK & Co. Ltd.**
Hongkong, 8th June, 1908. 1108

INSURANCES

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-EN-CHAPPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROECKELMANN & CO
Agents.

Hoi K'ong, 21st April, 1907. 114

THE GLORUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 13th August 1908. 29

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1906 £17,837,119.

1. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £3,000,000

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 687,500 0 0

II. FINE FUNDS... 3,888,729 19 8

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1907. 1146

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLARIQ,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES at Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 31st inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1907. [1933.]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ-EITEL FRIEDRICH,"
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TUESDAY, the 17th inst., at NOON.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1907. 5

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 20th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th Dec., at 8 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

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MARK TWAIN ON OXFORD
HISTORY.

Mark Twain, in the latest instalment of his
autobiography, tells us how the enchantments
of Oxford upset his moral viewpoint of history.
His account is probably the first he has given,
without the mediumship of the interviewer, of his
most "proud" moment, the "profound" of his
declares, since the time when as a boy he de-
liberately became infected with the measles and
"lay dying, the center of attraction, with the
eye piously closed upon his flitting vanities
of this life—an excellent effect—and the other
open a crack to observe the tears, the sorrow,
the admiration" of his relatives surrounding
the bed. Oxford, as a dream of the Middle
Ages, he goes on to say in *The North American*
Review (October), was not in our time, until
the days of the magnificent last June. "The
mouldering old buildings, and the picturesque
streets drifting past them, were in harmony,"
and the persons "grotesquely and offensively and
originally out of place were such persons as
came intruding along clothed in the ugly and
odious fashions of the twentieth century."

Further:
"The make-ups of illustrious personages
seemed perfect, both as to portraiture and
costume. One had no trouble in recognizing
them. Also, I was apparently quite easily
recognizable myself. The first corner I turned
brought me suddenly face to face with Henry
VIII., a person whom I had been implacably
disliking for sixty years; but when he put
out his hand with royal courtesy and grace
and said, 'Welcome, well beloved stranger, to
my century and to the hospitalities of my
realm,' my old prejudices vanished away and I
forgave him. I think now that Henry the
Eighth has been over-abused, and that most of
us, if we had been treated as he was, domes-
tically, would not have been able to get along
with a legitimate graveyard as he forced himself
to put up with. I feel now that he was one
of the nicest men in history. Personal contact
with a king is more effective in removing hateful
prejudices than is any amount of argument
drawn from tales and histories. If I had a child
I would name it Henry the Eighth, regardless
of sex.

Do you remember Charles the First—and
his broad slouch with the plume in it? and his
body clothed in velvet and with long sleeves,
and his legs in leather, with long rapier at his
side and his spurs on his heels? I encountered
him at the next corner, and knew him in a
moment—knew him as perfectly and as vividly
as I should know the Grand Chain in the Missis-
sippi if I should see it from the pilot-house after
all these years. He bent his body and gave his
hat a sweep that fetched his plume within an inch
of the ground, and gave me a welcome that went
to my heart. This king has been much malig-
nated. I shall understand him better hereafter, and
shall regret him more than I have been in the
habit of doing these fifty or sixty years. He
did some things in his time which might better
have been left undone and which cast a shadow
upon his name—we all know that, we all concede
it—but our error has been in regarding them
as crimes and in calling them by that name,
whereas I perceive now that they were only
indiscretions. At every few steps I met per-
sons of deathless name whom I had never
encountered before outside of pictures and
statuary and history, and these were most
thrilling and charming encounters. I had
hand-shakes with Henry the Second, who had
not been seen in the Oxford streets for nearly
eight hundred years, and with the Fair
Rosemund, whom I now believe to have
been chaste and blameless, although I had
thought differently about it before; and
with Shakespeare, one of the pleasantest
foreigners I have ever gotten acquainted
with; and with Roger Bacon; and with Queen
Elizabeth, who talked five minutes and
never swears a word, which gave me
a new and good opinion of her, and moved
me to forgive her for behaving the Scottish
Mary, if she really did it, which I now
doubt, and with the quantity and ancient-
ly old young King Harold Harefoot, of
near nine hundred years ago, who came flying
by on a bicycle and smoking a pipe, but at
once checked up and got off to shake with me;
and also I met a bishop who had lost his way
because this was the first time he had been
inside the walls of Oxford for as much as twelve
hundred years or thereabouts. By this time I
had grown so used to the obligating and agree-
able of his best-known people that if I had met Adam
I should not have been either surprised or em-
barrassed; and if he had come in a racing
automobile and cloud of dust, with nothing on
but his fig-leaf, it would have seemed to me all
right and harmonious."

THE PAGE MILLIONS.

By the P. and O. steamer "Britannia," which
reached Plymouth last month there arrived in
England from Australia Mr. George Horton
Morris, the claimant to the "Page millions."
The Page estate (now in the hands of trustees)
is said to have an area of sixty square miles,
stretching north and west from the Marble
Arch. It includes about a third of the county
of Middlesex, whose members of London, and
some rural bits of Hertfordshire.

Interviewed, Mr. Morris said his claim was
based on his contention that he is grandson of a
brother of Henry Page, who is believed to have
been the last holder of the estate as such. He
claims to be entitled to at least one-half share
of the estate.

Mr. Morris stated that he was born in Lon-
don, and went out to New Zealand in 1862.
Seven or eight years ago he worked his way
home as a steward on the Aberdeen line
"Australia," with the object of presenting his
suit, but his stay here was of brief duration.

Mr. Morris went back without having made
much progress with his case. He troubled very
little more about the matter until March of this
year, when it was reported that the House of
Commons was likely to be called upon to consider
the nation's title to the Page Estate.

Then his brothers, who reside in London, Bir-
mingham and St. Albans, communicated with
him and he got in touch with some friends in
Australia who formed a limited company with a
capital of £10,000 to enable him to pursue his
claim.

Mr. Johnson a Sydney accountant, who accom-
panied Mr. Morris, told the representative that
he represented the syndicate which was backing
Mr. Morris. He expressed the opinion that Mr.
Morris had a fair fighting chance of securing
the fortune at stake, but declined to disclose the
plan of campaign. "At this stage we are really
on a visit of investigation," he said, and the first
thing we shall do on getting to London will be
to consult our solicitors. The length of our
stay in England will depend on our investigations
and the difficulties we may encounter.

Mr. Morris says he is a nephew of the last
inheritor, Henry Page, who left no direct
descendants. His mother was Eliza both Page,
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the daughter of James Page, who had been out-
cast from his relations for marrying into a
Roman Catholic family. The last of the Pages,
Henry Page, died without direct heirs in 1839.
Trustees have been in possession of the estate
ever since the death of Henry Page.

MRS. TANQUERAY IN REAL LIFE.

A New York correspondent says:—A tragedy
which is causing the keenest embarrassment to
one of the "finest families" of New England
ended in a sanguinary, startling denouement.
A policeman patrolling the streets of New
York, noticed a woman passing from a handsome villa
belonging to Mr. Nicholas M. Smith, a wealthy
merchant and son of a well-known banker in
Baltimore.

He sounded the alarm and roused the house-
hold only to make the discovery that Mr. and
Mrs. Smith were lying in bed in a pool of blood.
Mr. Smith, shot in the head, was already dead;
his wife, with a bullet in her breast, was still
faintly breathing. The house was flooded with
petroleum and but for the intervention of the
fire brigade would have been utterly destroyed,
together with all the servants and the bodies
of the master and mistress.

Mrs. Smith was known to a large circle of
friends as Grace, daughter of the late General
Bulkeley, Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut.
But when the story of the Bulkeley
family of the death he was astonished to learn
that the real Grace Bulkeley was alive and well
in Hartford, where as the wife of Mr. Van
Shank she plays a distinguished part in New
England society. Inquiries which the author-
ities instituted have led to the revelation that
Mrs. Smith was a problem of a character com-
pared to which that of the Second Mrs. Tanqueray
is simplicity itself.

A woman of extraordinary beauty, she was
many years ago a prominent figure in certain
circles in New York.

She lived in grand style, owning magnificent
carriages and horses. But growing weary of
wealthy admirers she suddenly disappeared from
New York to take the position of a nurse in an
innate asylum, where in the character of Grace
Bulkeley she excited the love of a young English
doctor named Robert Acton. Though already
married, the nurse accepted the addresses of the
doctor and they were wedded. In 1900 Dr.
Acton died, and the widow at once journeyed to
London, where she lived for some time with
the parents of her late husband, from whom
she got £200 for the erection of a magnificent
tombstone.

In the later stages of her career she made
the acquaintance of Mr. Nicholas Smith, whom
it appeared she loved passionately. Nine months
ago the couple were married. Mr. Smith,
believing that his wife had been deeply wronged
by her family, made no attempt to approach
the Bulkeleys.

He purchased a fine residence in New
York, and the two lived surrounded by every
luxury and in perfect happiness until the
moment arrived when Mrs. Smith was unable
any longer to conceal from her husband the lie
she was living. She had informed him that she
was the heiress to the sixth part of the estate of
her father, worth at £1,500,000, which was to
be distributed this month.

Rather than that he should discover how
grossly he had been deceived, she, after parting
from him in the most loving fashion on Friday
night, shot him in the head as he slept. Then
she set fire to the house and shot herself,
evidently hoping that all traces of the crime
would be destroyed by the conflagration.

Next to the bed the police, when they broke
into the house, discovered a copy of Mr. Bulkeley's
will and the motto beautifully worked in silk,
"Love one another."

TOO PATRIOTIC.

That the Imperial visit to England may be
followed by a real movement in the relations
between Germany and France must be earnestly
desired by all friends of the two countries; but
it is permissible to doubt whether that end would
be brought any the nearer to attainment by the
adoption of a suggestion recently made by one
of our contemporaries in Berlin. According to
the German journal, "the hundreds of thousands
of German tourists who visit Paris ought to in-
sist upon never speaking anything else than their
mother tongue, in order to contribute to the
Parisians to how to the force of German
stances and learn German. Easy enough,
replies one of the Paris daily papers, in theory,
but not so easy in practice. Easy enough to
ask for a bedroom or a half-stick, a glass of beer
or a picture postcard, in German; but how is
the German tourist, lost in Paris, to find his
hotel if he persists in asking the way of the
"Kasperein Bollwerk" instead of to the
Boulevard des Capucines, or get to the Folies-
Bergères by telling his cabman to drive him
to the "Schuetzenstrasse. Veruorkheitete!"

Patriotism is a great virtue; but the Berlin
journal's suggestion reminds one of Tallyrand's
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KANAGAWA MARU, Japanese str., 3,835, N. Ohno, 23rd Dec., Yokohama via Port 11th Dec., General. Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

KWONGSANG, British str., 23rd Dec., Canton. NIKKO MARU, Japanese str., 3,434, T. L. Har- rison, 23rd Dec., Australia & Manila 21st Dec., General. Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

SALAZAR, French str., 2,557, Aillard, 23rd Dec., Marseilles and Singapore 18th Dec., Mails & General. Messageries Maritimes.

SIAM, Danish str., 2,600, Cortzen, 23rd Dec., Singapore 11th Dec., General. Melchers & Co.

SIGNAL, German str., 907, Schalkier, 23rd Dec., Hainan 22nd Dec., General. Jensen & Co.

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DEPARTURES.

23rd December.

FOOSHING, British str., for Canton.

HEINCHANG, Chinese str., for Canton.

KYNGCHOW, British str., for Canton.

NORD, Norwegian str., for Canton.

PAKHOL, British str., for Shanghai.

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SUEZ CANAL	DEYTA	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SUEZ CANAL	NYANJA	Brit. str.	—	H. S. Bradshaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 1st January.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SUEZ CANAL	GLORATON	Brit. str.	—	Wolffenden	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 9th January.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG & COPENHAGEN	TOURANE	Franch. str.	—	Lancelotti	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	HABSBURG	Ger. str.	k.w.	Filler	MELCHERS & CO.	On 30th January.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	v. Dühren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 9th January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SIAM	Swed. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	Middle of January.
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ARAGONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Deinet	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 14th January.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR &c.	C. FRED. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	k.w.	Wagner	MELCHERS & CO.	About 25th inst.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hatol	MELCHERS & CO.	On 1st Jan., at Noon.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SACHSEN	Ger. str.	—	Woltemas	MELCHERS & CO.	About 25th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	YORCK	Ger. str.	—	J. Kandermann	MELCHERS & CO.	About 25th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	E. F. FERDINAND	Aus. str.	—	Petersen	CARLOWITZ & Co.	About 25th inst.
BALTIMORE & NEW YORK	ALBENGA	Ger. str.	—	—	SHIRWAN TOMES & CO.	About 8th January.
YANGTSEKI VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	INDRAJITRA	Ind. str.	—	—	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 17th January.
YANGTSEKI VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	ERROLL	Am. str.	—	Thompson	ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO.	About 25th January.
YANGTSEKI VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 16th Jan., at 4 P.M.
YANGTSEKI VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Cowley	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 29th Jan., at Noon.
YANGTSEKI VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	KATHERINE PARK	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 28th January.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KATHERINE PARK	Brit. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	St. John George	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	MANILA	Ger. str.	—	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	CHINGTUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. Minnen	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd Jan., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	W. B. Brown	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th Jan., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	W. P. Baker	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	G. M. Montford, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	Aillard	MELCHERS & CO.	About 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	L. D. Northcombe	MELCHERS & CO.	About 27th inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th inst., at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	W. E. Sawyer	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 28th inst., at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	F. Northcombe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Sandbach	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	H. A. Warrall	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 1st January.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	F. Prosser	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	H. Harder	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	H. S. Smith	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., at 9 A.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	T. Ho	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	J. S. Rensch	DODWELL & CO.	On 27th inst., at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	W. O. Jones	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	A. W. Outerbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	T. Meyrick	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	SHIRWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 28th inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	A. Sommerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	H. Almond	SHIRWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 4th January.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	G. H. Pennefather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	M. Mathias	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	R. Houghton	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	F. Sombill	MELCHERS & CO.	Middle of January.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 31st inst., at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Todd	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	7th Jan., at 3 P.M.
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SCANDIA ... 9th Jan., 1908

HABSBURG ... 30th Jan., 1908

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	ARCADIA Capt. G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	About 23rd Dec.	Freight and Passage.
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LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA Capt. C. L. Daniel	Noon, 28th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1907.

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FOR	STAMENES	TO SAIL
HONGKONG	"YUNNAN"	On 24th Dec., 10 A.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
NINGPO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SHAHSING"	On 26th Dec., 4 P.M.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 26th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"YCHOOW"	On 28th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"KIURIANG"	On 31st Dec., 4 P.M.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"ZIETEN" Capt. F. PROSCH	About Wed. day, 1st January.
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, BRIS- BANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"MINILA" Capt. MINSEN	Thursday, 2nd Jan., at 5 P.M.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBIL	Middle of January.

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MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"SIAM"	Middle of January.

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FOR	STAMENES	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI VIA NINGPO	"KWONGSANG"	Tuesday, 24th Dec., Noon.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Friday, 27th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TUENSANG"	Friday, 27th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Saturday, 28th Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Monday, 30th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Tuesday, 31st Dec., 3 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 3rd Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tuesday, 7th Jan., 3 P.M.

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Ilia, gunboat, 1000 tons, 10 guns, 1300 h.p.,

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Tiger, gunboat, 800 tons, 10 guns, 1330 h.p.,

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Vaterland, gunboat—tons, 3 guns, 500 h.p.,

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Veuve, cruiser, 2,145 tons, Baron de Saint

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ander J. L. Parrot, Cavite.

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The *Galathea*, with the French mail of the 22nd Nov., left Saigon on Friday, the 20th inst., at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 18th Oct.

The *Hongkong Maru*, with the American mail is due to arrive at this port to-day.

The *Arctica*, with the English mail of the 29th Nov., left Singapore on Sunday, the 22nd instant at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 27th inst., at noon. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 28th Oct. and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 20th November and for despatch overland on the 27th November.

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December 23rd.

ON LONDON.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	1 94
Bank Bills, on demand	1 94
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	.....	1 92
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	.....	1 10 ¹¹ / ₁₆
Credit, at 4 months' sight	.....	1 10 ¹¹ / ₁₆
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	.....	1 10 ¹¹ / ₁₆
ON PARIS.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	226 6
Credit, at 4 months' sight	.....	2 3
ON GERMANY.—		
on demand	.....	184
ON NEW YORK.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	43 1
Credit, at 60 days sight	.....	45 1
ON BOMBAY.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	1344
Bank, on demand	.....	135
ON CALCUTTA.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	1344
Bank, on demand	.....	135
ON SHANGHAI.—		
Bank, at sight	.....	744
Private 30 days sight	.....	754
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand—		372
ON MANILA.—On demand—		384
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand—		264 c.p.m.
ON BATAVIA.—On demand—		108
ON HAIPHONG.—On demand—		34 p.c. p.m.
ON SAIGON.—On demand—		5 p.c. p.m.
ON HONGKONG.—On demand—		82
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate.		\$11.00
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael.		\$58.00
SILVER, per oz.		244

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	10 "	4.40 "
	10 "	5.25 "

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Malwa Old	... \$840 "
Malwa Older	... \$970 "
Malwa V. Old	... \$1000 "
Persian fine quality	... \$750 "
Persian extra fine	... \$800 "
Patna New	... \$1920 per chest.
Patna Old	... \$920 "
Ben re New	... \$850 "
Benara Old	... \$850 "

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COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	Pa. 200	No nominal.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$720.
	\$2.25	La. 279.
		La. 277.
National B. of China	26	\$51.
Sell's Asbestos E. A.	124. 6d.	\$7, buyers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$104.
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$8, sellers
China Provident	\$11	\$91.
Cotton Mills—		
Hongkong	Tls. 50	Tls. 53.
International	Tls. 75	\$10, sellers
Loan Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 60, sales
Soyabes	Tls. 500	Tls. 270.
Dairy Farm	\$10	\$16.75, sellers
Docks and Wharves—		
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$58, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$25	\$194, sellers
New Army Dock	\$10	\$10, sellers
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 100	Tls. 71.
S'hai & H. Wharf	Tls. 100	Tls. 204.
Farwick & Co. Geo.	\$25	\$14.
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$11, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10	\$175, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$16.
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$100, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$240.
Hongkong Rope Co.	\$10	\$25.
Insurance—		
Canton	\$50	\$242.
China Trade	\$20	\$14, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$25	\$10, buyers
North China	\$25	Tls. 57, sellers
Union	\$100	\$155, buyers
Yangtze	\$80	\$140, buyers
		\$125, buyers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land	\$100	\$150, sellers
Humphreys & Co.	\$10	\$104, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$10	\$15, sellers
Shanghai Land	Tls. 60	Tls. 101, sales
West Point Building	\$50	\$48, buyers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Pa. 250	\$50, buyers
Banks	19/10	\$12, sellers
Peak Tramway	\$10	\$13.
Philippine Co.	\$10	\$2.
Refineries—		
China Soap	\$100	\$100.
Luxon Sugar	\$100	\$10, buyers
Steamship Companies		
China and Japan	\$25	\$15.
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$58.
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$59.
Indo-China S.N. Co.	\$5	\$40, sellers
		\$42, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	\$1	\$21, buyers
Star Ferry	\$10	\$114, buyers
Do. Navy	\$5	\$114, buyers
South China M. Post.	\$25	\$20, sellers
Steam Landry Co.	\$5	\$5, sellers
Stevens & Sons	\$10	\$14, sellers
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$10.
Fowell & Co. Wm.	\$10	\$10.
Watkins	\$10	\$12, buyers
Watson & Co. A. S.	\$10	\$10, buyers
United Asbestos	\$4	\$10, buyers
Do. Foundry	\$10	\$10, buyers
Union Waterboat Co.	\$10	\$10, buyers

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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 24th to 30th, 1907.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Day	Hour	Height	Direction	Day	Hour	Height	Direction
Tues.	21	11.38	ft. in.	Wed.	21	11.38	ft. in.
Wed.	21	11.38	ft. in.	Thurs.	21	11.38	ft. in.
Thurs.	21	11.38	ft. in.	Fri.	21	11.38	ft. in.
Fri.	21	11.38	ft. in.	Sat.	21	11.38	ft. in.
Sat.	21	11.38	ft. in.	Sun.	21	11.38	ft. in.
Sun.	21	11.38	ft. in.	Mon.	21	11.38	ft. in.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 23rd.

Barometer	Thermometer	On Date	On Date
30.26	50.20	50.21	50.21
50	61	61	61
44	40	40	40
2	5	5	5
3	0	0	0

Highest open air Temperature on 22nd ... 52

Lowest open air Temperature on 22nd ... 52

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